Revenue Secretary.

From Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.

MESSRS. G. PARAMASIVIAH, BANGALORE CITY, ABDUL RAHMON, MAHOMEDAN CONSTITUENCY AND B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR, ANEKAL RURAL AREA.—

Q.—2. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The total number of minor tanks in the State, which require and are capable of restoration.

(*b*) The number of such tanks in each district.

(*c*) The number of such tanks that have been restored in each district since the last 10 years, and the amount spent each year on mere establishment.

(*d*) Whether Government have devised any definite scheme for the restoration of minor tanks in future and if so, the amount proposed to be spent yearly for the purpose.

(*e*) The number of applications received for restoration of minor tanks in the various districts in the State.

(*f*) The number of tanks, the restoration of which has been recommended by the Revenue officers.

(*g*) The number of minor tanks which the Government have taken in hand for restoration.

(*h*) The amount of contribution made by the villagers, the nature and extent of interest evinced by Government officers in this important matter and the effect of the Minor Tank Restoration Scheme upon the improvement and restoration of minor tanks since the introduction of the scheme.

(*i*) The number of minor tanks under restoration when the Maramat establishment was established in the several districts.

(*j*) The number of minor tanks for which contributions have been received but not yet taken up and also the amount of contribution in each district at that time.

(*k*) Whether the tanks mentioned in the previous clause have been taken up since then.

(*l*) The amount of allotment given for incomplete works and for new works since the amalgamation.

(*m*) As the progress of tank restoration has not seemed to have improved even after the amalgamation, will the Government be pleased to order that adequate provision be made to take up new works and close the old works.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS' DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) The total number of minor tanks in the State capable of restoration for purposes of irrigation is about 14,302.

(*b*)	Bangalore	535
	Kolar	1,858
	Tumkur	274
	Chitaldrug	99
	Shimoga	4,680
	Kadur	1,718
	Hassan	4,540
	Mysore	598
(*c*)	Bangalore	100
	Kolar	102
	Tumkur	76
	Chitaldrug	23
	Shimoga	126
	Kadur	76
	Hassan	216
	Mysore	61

Establishment.—The amount spent during 1919-20, 1920-21 and 1921-22 are Rs. 90,992, Rs. 89,080 and Rs. 99,953, respectively. The figures for previous years are not available.

After the amalgamation, the Public Works staff is looking after the execution of minor tanks also and therefore the percentage of charges under establishment should be the same as for other works in the Public Works Department.

(*d*) As the scheme under the administrative control of the Revenue Department did not work satisfactorily, it was transferred to the Public Works Department in 1922. To facilitate quick progress, a Minor Tank Regulation was also passed fixing on statutory basis ¼ cost of restoration as contribution from the raiyats. The present arrangement has resulted in better progress being secured and the results will be watched carefully. Member's attention is invited to the Government Order No. R. 1299-1309—L. R. 15-22-1, dated 8th September 1922.

The grant for 1922-23 was Rs. 80,000, for 1923-24 Rs. 1,00,000 and the same amount of Rs. 1 lakh has been provided in the draft Budget for 1924-25.

(*e*) & (*f*) Minor tanks are selected for restoration in consultation with the Revenue Department and as recommended by the Deputy Commissioners in all cases.

No information is available in these connections.

(*g*) Out of 378 incomplete works transferred to the Public Works Department by the Revenue Department, 86 works were completed during 1922-23 and the rest are in progress.

		Rs.
(*h*) Bangalore	... ..	13,313
Kolar	... ..	22,997
Tumkur	.. ..	20,268
Chitaldrug	.. ..	Not received yet.
Shimoga	.. ..	Do
Kadur	.. ..	31,024
Hassan	.. ..	16,796
Mysore	.. ..	Not received yet.

Answers under (*d*) and (*g*) furnish the necessary information for the remaining part of this question.

(*i*) The information is not available and will entail much time and labour to collect from previous years' records.

(*j & k*) Definite information has been called for and will be furnished on receipt.

(*l*) The amount of allotment given from State Fund is as follows.—

	1922-23. Rs.	1923-24. Rs.
Bangalore	15,000	16,500
Kolar	15,000	20,000
Tumkur	10,000	11,000
Chitaldrug	5,000	7,000
Shimoga	7,000	10,000
Kadur	9,000	10,000
Hassan	12,000	10,000
Mysore	7,000	15,000
Reserve with the Chief Engineer ..		500
Total ..	80,000	1,00,000

The amounts are for works alone exclusive of establishment charges.

Government Orders are that no fresh works should be taken on hand until all the incomplete works are closed.

(*m*) It is too soon to make any change in the existing system which should be given a fair trial.

This will be considered as soon as most of the incomplete works are completed.

More definite and detailed information will be furnished to the members as soon as it becomes available

MR. G. PARAMASIVIAH, BANGALORE CITY.—

Q.—3. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of aided primary schools of the following denominations which were contemplated to be